
**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Application

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services

DIVISION: Administration - Fiscal Services

AUTHORIZED BY: Lisa Spriggs

CONTACT: Jennifer Bero

EXT: 7125

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve to submit a grant application to the US Department of Homeland Security requesting \$2,530,200 through their SAFER Grant Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

County-wide

Leeanna Raw

BACKGROUND:

The US Department of Homeland Security is offering the SAFER Grant Program to assist fire departments with increasing the number of on-staff firefighters. The program was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations in order to help them increase the number of trained, "front-line" firefighters available in their communities.

The EMS/Fire/Rescue Division is interested in pursuing the grant for 24 positions needed to staff Fire Station 29 proposed for the Aloma/SR 417 area. The addition of the station will fill geographic voids, eliminating the deficiency in response times for citizens in the area. Due to the nature of the need and the competitiveness of the grant program, it is requested the staffing of this station not be contingent upon the grant award.

Due August 31, 2007, the proposed application would request \$2,530,200. Matching funds of \$7,403,525 would be funded by the Fire Fund. The attached abstract provides additional project and financial information.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board to approve to submit a grant application to the US Department of Homeland Security requesting \$2,530,200 through their SAFER Grant Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Abstract - Project and Financial Summary

Additionally Reviewed By: No additional reviews

GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

FUNDER: US Department of Homeland Security

DATE DUE: August 31, 2007

PROJECT TITLE: Firefighter Staffing for Station# 29

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

PROJECT INITIATOR(S): Leeanna Raw, Fire Chief

PROJECT MANAGER/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Leeanna Raw, Fire Chief

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The level of service adopted in the Vision 2020 Comprehensive Plan for emergency response time in unincorporated areas of the county is 5 minutes. The EMS/Fire/Rescue Division identified service deficiencies in several areas. As a result, the Division has planned and budgeted for three (3) new facilities in the next few years--Station 29 in the Aloma/SR 417 area, Station 19 in the Greenwood Lakes area, and Station 39 in the Yankee Lake area. The addition of these stations will provide 6 new response units, increasing the service levels to compliancy.

The 5-year performance grant would allow for supplementary funds for 24 firefighter positions at Station 29 in the Aloma/SR 417 area, the station identified as highest priority. Listed below are Federal share versus County share for the grant period. Please note, the amounts are adjusted to reflect a 4% COLA per year:

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>
Federal Share	\$ 910,800	\$ 809,520	\$ 505,920	\$ 303,960	\$ 0
County Share	<u>\$ 923,235</u>	<u>\$1,097,876</u>	<u>\$1,477,772</u>	<u>\$1,759,080</u>	<u>\$2,145,562</u>
Total Costs	<u>\$1,834,035</u>	<u>\$1,907,396</u>	<u>\$1,983,692</u>	<u>\$2,063,040</u>	<u>\$2,145,562</u>

TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT: \$2,530,200

MATCHING FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE): \$7,403,525

SOURCES OF MATCH: _____ Fire Fund

TOTAL PROJECT COST: _____ \$9,933,725

GRANT FUNDING IS:

☒ COMPETITIVE

☐ ENTITLEMENT

☐ CONTRACT